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Rural District Council of Pickering.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending
December 31st, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

The Area of your District is 74,865 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 5,397.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,661.

The Rateable Value is £ 16,389, which produces a Penny Rate, £69 : 6 : 6 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population.
		65	36	29	12.0
Live Births	{ Legitimate	56	31	25	
	{ Illegitimate	9	5	4	
Still Births	{ Legitimate	2	2	0	29.8 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	{ Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		94	46	48	17.4 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	Total 1	Rate 15.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	1	17.6
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	none	none

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.

No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	16
„ Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	none
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	none
„ Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	...	...	...	...	none

Causes of Death were :—

Congenital Malformation	1	Influenza	2
Other Respiratory Disease	1	Road Traffic Accident	1
Encephalitis	1	Ulcer of Stomach	1
Syphilitic Disease	1	Other Digestive Disease	2
Tuberculosis	4	Diabetes	2
Pneumonia	3	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	7
Bronchitis	4	Heart Disease	27
Cancer	16	Other Circulatory Diseases	2
Violence	1	Other Defined Diseases	12
Suicide	1	Acute and Chronic Nephritis	5

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1942.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit my Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	...	...	118
„ „ „ Housing Acts	...	...	29
„ „ „ to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops	...	...	92
„ „ „ Shops Hours Act	...	...	29
„ „ „ Works in Progress	...	...	111
Drainage Systems Improved or Renewed	...	...	32
Drains Inspected and Tested	...	...	34
„ Found Satisfactory	...	...	27
„ „ Defective	...	...	7



Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary under the above heading.

Public Cleansing.

The cleaning of roads and streets is carried out by the County Council, and a fortnightly collection of refuse is carried out at Thornton-le-Dale. There is no organised system of refuse collection over the rest of the area.

Salvage.

Regular monthly calls are made to all the villages for the purpose of collecting Salvage and the response has been fairly satisfactory.

Camping Sites.

No Licenses have been issued.

Smoke Abatement.

No action has been found necessary.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are none in the area.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

There have been no cases of bug infestation in the district and occasional flea infected houses have been dealt with by spraying with insecticide and fumigation.

Meat and other Foods.

The slaughtering is regionalised and none is carried out in this area with the exception of occasional emergency slaughters.

There was a fairly large quantity of tinned goods condemned and in several instances the Ministry of Food were advised to release some of their stocks for immediate consumption. The Ministry acted on this advice and replaced their stocks with articles of more recent manufacture.

Visits and work under the Ministries of Food, Agriculture, Home Security, Works and Buildings and Supply have taken up a good deal of time, and this coupled to the additional forms, circulars and correspondence has affected the routine work of the department to a certain extent.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.
Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1942.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles ..	8		none
Smallpox ...	none		none
Scarlet Fever ...	3	3	none
Diphtheria ..	1		none
Enteric Fever, including Paratyphoid ...	none		none
Purperal Fever ...	none		none
Purperal Pyrexia ...	1		none
Pneumonia ...	1		none
Erysipelas ..	none		none
Whooping Cough ...	2		none

Cancer.

16 deaths occurred from Cancer during the year, 7 being males and 9 females.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1942 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...	...				...	...
1 ...	...				...	..		...
5 ...	...			...	...	...		..
15 ...	...			...	...	.		...
25 ...	...			...	...	...		...
35 ...	1			...	1	..		...
45 ...	1			...	1	..		...
55 ...	...			..	...	..		...
65 & upwards	...			1	...	1		1
Totals ...	2		...	1	2	1		1

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,



THOS. J. MUIR,

Medical Officer of Health,
Pickering Rural District.